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SUBJECT: METRIC STANDARDS OF FILL FOR DISTILLED SPIRITS

FOLLOWING LETTER DATED OCTOBER 8 WAS SENT TO ERNEST PREEG,
DIRECTOR OF EUR/RPE BY JEAN-PIERRE LENG, COUNSELOR FOR
TRADE AFFAIRS OF THE EC DELEGATION. QUOTE.

I WOULD LIKE TO REFER TO U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT'S
PROPOSED REGULATION ON METRIC STANDARDS OF FILL FOR
DISTILLED SPIRITS, AS PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER
OF JULY 16, 1975. THE DELEGATION HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO
MAKE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

1) REGARDING SIZES, THE DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO DRAW THE
ATTENTION OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION TO EEC COUNCIL
DIRECTIVE 75/106 OF DECEMBER 1974, WHICH SETS NOMINAL
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COMMUNITY. OUR REGULATION FOR DISTILLED SPIRITS IS

WIDER IN SCOPE AND AMONG SMALL SIZES, ESTABLISHES A 200 ML STANDARD, AS OPPOSED TO THE 250 ML STANDARD PROPOSED BY TREASURY;

2) REGARDING TOLERANCES, THE DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS ADOPTED 20 DEGREE C AS THE REFERENCE TEMPERATURE TO MEASURE VOLUMES, AS OPPOSED TO 60 DEGREE F (CLOSE TO 15 DEGREE C) PROPOSED BY TREASURY. FURTHERMORE, THE COMMISSION HAS PROPOSED TO USE 20 DEGREE C AS THE REFERENCE TEMPERATURE FOR "ALCOOMETRES ET AEROMETRES POUR ALCOOL", AS WELL AS FOR "TABLES ALCOOMETRIQUES".

THE DELEGATION WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CALLING THE ATTENTION OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY ON THESE POINTS SO THAT OUR COMMENTS ARE KNOWN BEFORE ADOPTION OF THE FINAL REGULATION. INGERSOLL

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